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Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1 – 12 (canceled)

13. (currently amended) ~~The method as claimed in claim 12, A method for~~
production of a component having a surface, comprising:
introducing a filling element into the component through a first side of the surface
of the component;
connecting the filling element to the component by a fixing method;
during the fixing method of the filling element and component, using a holder that
connects the filling element to the component at least temporarily,
wherein the holder has a first holding point on the first side of the surface of the
component and a second holding point on the filling element; and
removing the holder after the filling element and component have been fixed,
wherein the filling element is introduced into a groove in the component, and between
the filling element and the component in the groove there is a gap in which a spacer is
arranged, and further wherein the spacer is arranged in the gap before the holder is
fitted.

14. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 4413, wherein the fixing method used for the filling element and component is a soldering method.

15. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 4413, wherein the fixing method used for the filling element and component is a welding method.

16. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 4413, wherein the fixing method used for the filling element and component is a laser welding method.

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17. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~44~~13, wherein the fixing method used for the filling element and component is an electron beam welding method.

18. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~44~~13, wherein two holders are used.

19. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~44~~13, wherein the holder is M-shaped.

20. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~44~~13, wherein a first end of the M shape of the holder is fixed to a first holding point on the component, the middle of the M shape of the holder is fixed to a second holding point on the filling element, and a second end of the M shape of the holder is fixed to a third holding point on the component.